



HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT

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THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL FREE SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE SPRING BRANCH AREA

HFD and Volunteers to Conduct a Massive Smoke Detector Installation Campaign

What: HFD and volunteers will be installing free smoke detectors in homes in the Spring Branch area of Houston.

When: Saturday, March 29, 9:00am-1:00pm

Where: Houston Fire Department Station #5, 2020 Hollister at Hammerly, Key Map 450M

Details: The Houston Fire Department and volunteers from the Citizen's Fire Academy and CERT (Citizen's Emergency Response Team) and other local organizations will be in a Spring Branch neighborhood installing free smoke detectors and free smoke detector batteries Today, Saturday March 29, 2008 beginning at 9:00am.

Teams will meet at HFD Fire Station #5 at 2020 Hollister to coordinate the campaign and then go from house-to-house offering free smoke detectors or batteries to residents who need them. This event will follow a week of canvassing of the Southeast Houston area by HFD liaisons, notifying the residents the fire department will be in the area offering this service. The area to be cover will be north of Kempwood, south of Hempstead Highway, west of Bingle and east of Hollister.

This campaign is a part of the "Get Alarmed Houston" program designed to increase smoke detector awareness and offer free smoke detectors and batteries to the residents of the Houston area. Other installation days will be scheduled throughout the year as a part of the HFD Strategic Plan.

For more information on the "Get Alarmed Houston" program please contact the HFD Public Affairs Division at 713-495-7900 or visit the website: www.houstonfire.org.